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Iranian troops sent to fight Kurdish rebels

TEHRAN, March 20 (R) — Iran's government Tuesday sent reinforcements to the western city of Sanandaj after fresh fighting there in which rebel Kurds took over the offices of the governor-general, the state radio reported.

Assistant Prime Minister Amir Abbas Entezami was quoted as saying the government would "wipe out and destroy" rebels in the city only 50 kilometers from the Iraqi border.

The new outbreak of fighting followed reports Monday evening of a ceasefire in the city after 24 hours of battles in which, according to the state, 86 people were killed and at least 2000 injured. Other reports put the death toll at 170.

The ceasefire came into force Monday evening, with the help of local religious leaders, after Kurds took over the local radio station and gendarmes and laid siege to the barracks of an infantry division in Sanandaj.

The "Voice of the Revolution" quoted Entezami as saying that "counter revolutionaries" in Sanandaj were still in control of the local radio Tuesday and had also taken over the offices of the provincial governor-general.

Residents reported that Sunday, after the fighting first flared, four helicopter gunships circled the city, firing indiscriminately on people in the streets.

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Her father was nearby, crying uncontrollably.

Four surgeons and 10 doctors from outlying areas are manning the hospital.

"We are in need of serum, dextrose and plasma," said Dr. Tamrani. "This was so unexpected we did not have supplies stockpiled."

Hussein's journey follows the weekend visit to Saudi Arabia and Jordan by Zbigniew Brzezinski, the U.S. president's national security adviser, in an abortive effort to persuade the two countries to support the peace pact about to be signed between Egypt and Israel.

ish Muslim brothers" would not act against the revolution.

Richard Tomkins of the Associated Press visited Sanandaj and reported sporadic gunbattles continuing around the besieged army barracks Tuesday as families counted their dead and wounded.

Throughout the city groups of armed Kurdish fighters manned road blocks in the virtually empty streets as army helicopters flew overhead. A mood of anger dominated the city, which seemed to Tomkins under the control of Kurdish guerrillas except for the besieged army barracks.

As Tomkins drove into the town Tuesday, one guerrilla told him: "Tomorrow is the Iranian New Year. But my town is at war. Why are they killing my people?"

Another distraught resident said: "The people here are now fighting the army. The army has not been smashed. The situation here is the same as when the Shah was in charge. Nothing has changed."

Ten helicopters, apparently ferrying reinforcements, flew into the town's airport during the morning. But on Tomkins' drive to Sanandaj from Tehran there were no signs of major troop movements.

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HONORED: King Khaled at the dinner party given in his honor Tuesday by Prince Abdullah (right)

Reopening Monday

Calm returns to Yemen border

BAGHDAD, March 20 (Agencies) — The commander of the Arab League's Yemen ceasefire supervision committee said Tuesday that "total peace prevails" along the border of North and South Yemen.

"All causes of tension have now been removed and arrangements are being made for the reopening of the border next Monday," he said.

The official Iraqi news agency (INA) quoted the commander, Syrian Gen. Ibrahim Muhammad Younis in Sanaa.

Gen. Younis said the normalization of the situation followed the withdrawal of rival forces over the weekend to positions they held before the latest flareup of fighting on Feb. 23.

The Arab League hastened to arrange a ceasefire and mediate for a normalization of relations between North and South Yemen.

INA quoted Gen. Younis as saying that forces had pulled back in the areas of Qatabah, Dama and Harib, three North Yemeni border towns.

The three towns were earlier reported captured by the National Democratic Front (NDF), an opposition group based in South Yemen.

According to reports from North Yemen last week, invading forces in several towns were bottled up by North Yemeni troops and withdrawals by both sides were needed to disengage the troops.

There was no immediate word

from the NDF, which has vowed to continue fighting until the North Yemeni government meets its demands or is overthrown.

Despite the ceasefire, which went into effect last week, the United States announced in Washington Monday it was going ahead with its \$400 million military aid program to North Yemen.

The State Department said the U.S. government still felt that North Yemen needed the massive infusion of aid to protect itself.

U.S. defense officials said 12 F-5E fighter planes arrived in the area Sunday aboard two U.S. C-5 transport planes. The F-5s are destined eventually for North Yemen after Yemeni pilots and ground crews are trained.

The U.S. aircraft carrier Constellation, at the same time, was reported cruising in the Arabian Sea where the ship and her escorts were sent by President Jimmy Carter as a gesture of U.S. concern about security in the region.

Abdul Fatah Ismail, the president of South Yemen, has pledged continued support for the NDF.

Support for the NDF was justified by its legitimate and logical demands for political liberalization, free elections, release of prisoners and the protection of democratic freedoms," Ismail added in an interview with Kuwait's "Al Watan" newspaper.

Ismail denied press reports that 3,000 Cuban and Soviet troops and military advisers were airlifted to South Yemen from Ethiopia during the fighting with North Yemen.

"South Yemen has no intention of seeking help. It is capable of defending itself and safeguarding its sovereignty," he added.

The South Yemeni leader also warned that "any foreign intervention in the conflict between the two Yemens can only increase the risk of war and escalate tension."

He expressed the hope that his meeting in Kuwait on Mar. 28 with North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh would prove to be the "starting point for the realization of the unity between the two states."

Ismail said his country would "continue to refrain from interfering in North Yemen internal affairs and would maintain good relations with the Sanaa government."

UAE Supreme Council discusses federation

ABU DHABI, March 20 (AP) — The Supreme Council of the United Arab Emirates has discussed problems facing the eight-year-old federation, but postponed decisions until March 27.

The council, comprising the rulers of the seven-member federation met Monday under UAE President and Abu Dhabi Ruler Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan.

Border disputes among member states, distribution of the oil wealth and the exceedingly high proportion of aliens in the country, were among the topics discussed.

The council was supposed to issue a communique after the meeting, but a statement said the rulers decided after two sessions to meet again March 27.

The meeting was the first in two years, and observers believe it may also have been prompted by the latest Mideast developments as Egypt and Israel approach signing a peace treaty.

About 3,000 UAE citizens waited outside the Mashref palace as the rulers deliberated.

A memo, anonymously signed in the name of the UAE people, was sent to the rulers, demanding abolition of internal borders, and the unification of the armed forces.

Egypt, Israel sign peace treaty Monday

WASHINGTON, March 20 (Agencies) — The Israeli-Egypt peace treaty will be signed next Monday at 2 p.m. (1900 GMT), Thomas O'Neill, speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, said Tuesday.

O'Neill said time and date for the Washington signing ceremony was disclosed by President Jimmy Carter in a meeting Tuesday morning with congressional leaders.

There was no immediate confirmation from the White House, which has refrained from acknowledging a specific time or date for the signing.

The announcement of a signing date came as a surprise after Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin's declaration Tuesday that Israel plans to retain control of occupied Arab land even after permitting partial self-rule for the Palestinians who live there.

The Israeli leader was reporting to the Knesset (Parliament) on the long-drawn negotiations which culminated last week in agreement on the peace treaty.

He recalled how he fought word by word over proposals put forward by Egypt and the United States following last September's Camp David summit accords.

Begin told the Knesset how he rejected a United States attempt to use, in a letter accompanying the treaty, the words "full autonomy to the West Bank and Gaza district."

Begin claimed the Camp David

accords mentioned only "full autonomy for the inhabitants" and not for the actual territory.

Begin said Israel would never have signed the Camp David agreements if they had referred to autonomy for the territories which he regards as "God given."

He offered autonomy to the Arab inhabitants of Judea, Samaria (the West Bank) and Gaza. "Begin told the Knesset."

"We never agreed to autonomy for the territories but only to the inhabitants."

His statement appeared to confirm advance leaks that the self-rule formula devised by an Israeli government committee would fall well short of anything envisaged by either the United States or Egypt.

Begin's two-hour address launched a debate in which about 100 of the Knesset's 120 members had applied for permission to speak. With most members limited to 10 minutes each, the debate was expected to last after an overnight break — until late Wednesday.

Despite angry recriminations as the debate unfolded, overwhelming approval was believed assured for the treaty.

In Cairo, Egyptian Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil described Begin's remarks before the Knesset as "an inappropriate start for an era in which we hope everybody will work towards laying down sound basis for just and durable peace in the Middle East and

to reach a comprehensive settlement."

Khalil told a caucus of leaders of the ruling National Democratic Party last week that provisions of the peace agreement provided for the eventual return of Arab East Jerusalem seized by Israel from Jordan in the June 1967 war.

But Begin told his parliament: "my dear, honorable Dr. Khalil, write this down: Jerusalem, the one Jerusalem, is Israel's eternal capital. It will never be divided again."

Within a matter of hours, Khalil fired back declaring that what Begin said "contradicts the bases of the peace settlement agreed upon in Camp David and spoils the atmosphere which we had hoped would prevail during the signing of an agreement."

"As for the Palestinian question," Khalil's statement continued, "the Camp David accord clearly stipulates the necessity of solving the question from all its aspects, thus taking into consideration the legal rights of the Palestinians. It is along this principle that they will decide their future."

Khalil argued that the same principle of "non-acquisition of territory by force" which applied to Israeli withdrawal from Sinai also "is applicable to all the territories, foremost Arab Jerusalem." This principle, he said, was the essence of U.N. Resolution 242 which is men-

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Sanctions threat removed

Anti-Israel U.N. draft modified

UNITED NATIONS, March 20 (Agencies) — A Security Council resolution deploring Israeli policies and actions in the occupied Arab territories has been modified by its sponsors to remove an implied threat of sanctions — is omitted.

The change was seen by observers as eliminating one reason that the United States might cite for vetoing the draft.

Jordanian sources said late Monday that consultations were continuing on the resolution's wording and that a vote was not expected until Wednesday.

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In the revised version circulated Monday, the reference to action under the relevant provisions of the charter — an implied threat of sanctions — is omitted.

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Gabon delegate Leon N'Dong said a solution to the Palestinian problem would not be found as long as the Palestinian people were not allowed to take part in peace negotiations.

He said Israel must withdraw from all territory seized during the 1967 war and that all states of the region had rights to live in peace.

Mauritania Ambassador Mamadou Kan said that recent "diplomatic comings and goings" had raised hope but had

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Saud hands message to Bahrain leader

MANAMA, March 20 (SPA) — Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal Tuesday delivered a message from King Khaled to the Bahraini Ruler Sheikh Issa bin Salman Al-Khalifa. It was announced here.

Prince Saud who arrived earlier in the day on a short visit, later held talks with Bahrain Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa bin Salman Al-Khalifa.

The talks dealt with "developments in the Arab world and matters of bilateral interest."

The meeting was attended by Bahraini Crown Prince and Defense Minister Sheikh Hamad bin Issa and the Foreign Minister Sheikh Muhammad bin Mubarak.

Prince Saud returned to Riyadh Tuesday evening.

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In Mecca

World ulema rap peace treaty

MECCA, March 20 (SPA) — Leading ulema from the Muslim world issued a clear denunciation of the proposed peace treaty with Israel at the close of their meeting at the Muslim World League.

The World Supreme Council of Mosques, winding up its fourth session Monday night, declared that any agreement between the Zionist state and another party that ignores the rights of the Palestinians is null and void.

The meeting said that the city of Jerusalem was maliciously Arab and Muslim and the capital of Palestine and affirmed that the Palestine Liberation Organization was the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

(Neither the proposed treaty, nor the Camp David framework of last year, makes any mention of the future restitution of Jerusalem to Palestinian control.)

(The framework also accords no role to the PLO, accepted as Palestinian representative by the

Rabat Arab summit in 1974 and by Islamic conferences).

The council also denounced "the Zionist assault" on the headquarters of the Muslim Council and Endowments Department in Jerusalem.

(This is apparently a reference to the attack on the council's offices on March 8 by followers of Meir Kahane, an extremist Zionist leader.)

(In a protest, the Muslim Council's head, Sheikh Hilmi Al-Muhtasib said the intruders had

trampled on prayer hooks and a copy of the Holy Koran and beaten up a watchman.)

The Mecca meeting called for "necessary measures to counter the Zionist challenge."

The supreme council also listed a number of slurs on the Holy Prophet by journalists, commercial firms and publishers in Europe and the United States. These included:

—A Belgian firm that printed wrapping paper with verses from the Holy Koran

—A Cypriot shoe manufacturer

that stamped the name of Allah on Shoes

—the American Broadcasting Company (ABC) which, the council said, had attacked the dignity of the Holy Prophet

—and the Institut Larousse in Paris which carried a derogatory article about the Prophet in the latest edition of the Larousse Encyclopedia.

The council called on Muslim governments to take steps to boycott firms and persons responsible for slanders of the Prophet and the Koran.

In a move that mirrors recent legislation in Iran, the council called on governments to ban meat not slaughtered according to Islamic regulations and all foodstuffs repugnant to Islam.

It also advocated a total ban on mixed education and urged a unified religious curriculum in Islamic countries.

In specific messages to individual governments, the council congratulated Iran and Pakistan for new Islamic legislation; urged India to hand over all mosques to the control of Muslims; hailed President Suharto for "successful efforts to halt the Christianization of Indonesia" and urged Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos to implement the Libyan-sponsored agreement to grant autonomy to the Muslims in the southern Philippines.

The council called Muslim governments to attend to the cause of the Muslim Eritreans in their battle for self-determination outside Ethiopia and approved the dispatch of a fact-finding mission to Lebanon to discuss the needs of the Muslim community in the country.

Other measures covered incentives for the translation of Islamic works of devotion for distribution in the Philippines, India, Japan, South Korea and Africa.

Sheikh Abdul Aziz ibn Baz, a leading Saudi scholar, was re-elected chairman of the council for another three-year term.

Mecca parley opens

Islamic ministers discuss state of occupied shrines

MECCA, March 20 (SPA) — Minister of Pilgrimage and Endowments Sheikh Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasi opened a three-day meeting of religious affairs ministers which is expected to recommend steps for the protection and preservation of shrines in the occupied Arab territories.

In an opening speech to the ministers of endowments and Islamic affairs from the Muslim countries, Sheikh Abdul Wahhab spoke of "intensive effort by the Saudi government to nurture Islam and improve the condition of Muslims."

Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Haraki, secretary general of the Muslim World League, said the ministers would Tuesday discuss the Ajlun Mosque in Jerusalem, the third most holy shrine in Islam. The conference he said, would also hear reports on other Muslim shrines in occupied Palestine and "identify measures to restore them."

The league, which received Sheikh Abdul Wahhab's thanks for continuous cooperation with the Saudi ministry, is hosting the conference.

The session was also addressed by Dr. Amadou Karim Gaye, secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and by the Mauritanian minister of Awqaf (pious endowments) and Islamic affairs.

Mixed bathing banned

Girls' school buses said ordered with 1-way glass

JEDDAH, March 20 — Manufacturers of buses for girls' schools in Saudi Arabia have been requested to glaze vehicles with opaque glass. "Okaz" newspaper reported Tuesday.

According to the paper, the Directorate General for Women's Education in Riyadh has stipulated in supply contracts that windows be made of one-way glass. The measure follows requests from various parents who have asked the directorate to introduce the new buses by the beginning of the next academic year in October, the paper said.

Meanwhile in Jeddah, hoteliers confirmed Tuesday that they had instructed staff not to permit mixed bathing at hotel swimming pools.

A spokesman for the Meridian Hotel told "Arab News" that staff had posted a sign to inform guests.

The moves follow a decree from Mecca Governor Prince Fawaz issued Monday night. The decree, addressed to managers of Jeddah hotels, reportedly reads: "It has been noticed that women are frequently attending hotel swimming pools and mixing with men, which is repugnant to our religious upbringing and the traditions of this Islamic country."

"A Royal Decree has been issued forbidding women the use of hotel swimming pools and you will be held responsible for infringements. The police have been instructed accordingly."



MEETING OF TWO MINISTERS: Minister of Pilgrimage and Endowments Sheikh Muhammad Abdul Wahhab Al-Wasi meets his counterpart from North Yemen, Sheikh Ali Assamma, who arrived for the ministerial conference in Mecca Tuesday. The delegates will discuss the desecration of the Holy Places in Jerusalem.

Import substitution

Food experts to convene in Riyadh

RIYADH, March 20 (SPA) — Food experts from Saudi Arabia and 12 other Arab countries will meet here on March 31 to discuss lessening Arab dependence on food imports and movement toward a common Arab agricultural policy.

The Second Arab Conference on Food Science and Technology

will be attended by 25 scientists from Saudi Arabia and 65 experts from 12 Arab states as well as representatives of 11 Arab and international organizations.

The conference is organized by Riyadh University school of Agriculture, the Saudi Biological Society and the Egyptian Society of Food Science and Technology.

The dean of the school, Dr. Nabil Yahya Abdullah said Tuesday that the three-day meeting to view food preservation and storage — especially of strategic foodstuffs — and dairy shortages in the Arab world.

The agenda also includes discussion of the presence of pork fat in some imports.

Dr. Nabil said the conference will discuss issues dealing with the manufacture of food in the Arab world and a strategy to develop agricultural technology toward self-sufficiency.

Arab imported food, have soared, reaching \$11 billion three years ago and the gap between

production and consumption keeps growing, he said. "The problem will become more acute in the near future unless we increase food production," he said.

Computer parley opens at UPM

DHAHRAN, March 20 (SPA) — The three-day Fifth Computer Conference organized by the University of Petroleum and Minerals opened here Tuesday, with international computer firms and Saudi departments and corporations represented. Rector Dr. Bakr Abdul-lah Bakr said that the conference was of importance as Saudi Arabia is one of the largest computer markets in the Middle East.

Beware of imitations, police say

JEDDAH, March 20 — The Public Relations Department of the Directorate of Public Security has warned drivers and companies not to paint their vehicles in the livery of Public Security vehicles. According to "Al-Medina" newspaper, offending vehicles will be confiscated and the owner punished. The Public Security Department found confusion created by imitation police vehicles.

Salman to open prefab factory

JEDDAH, March 20 — Governor of Riyadh Prince Salman will open the Al-Mabani Prefab construction factory (Mabco) in the industrial area on Al-Kharj road March 28. It was reported by "Al-Riyadh" Tuesday, Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Al-Gosaibi and a number of other senior ministry officials will attend the ceremony.

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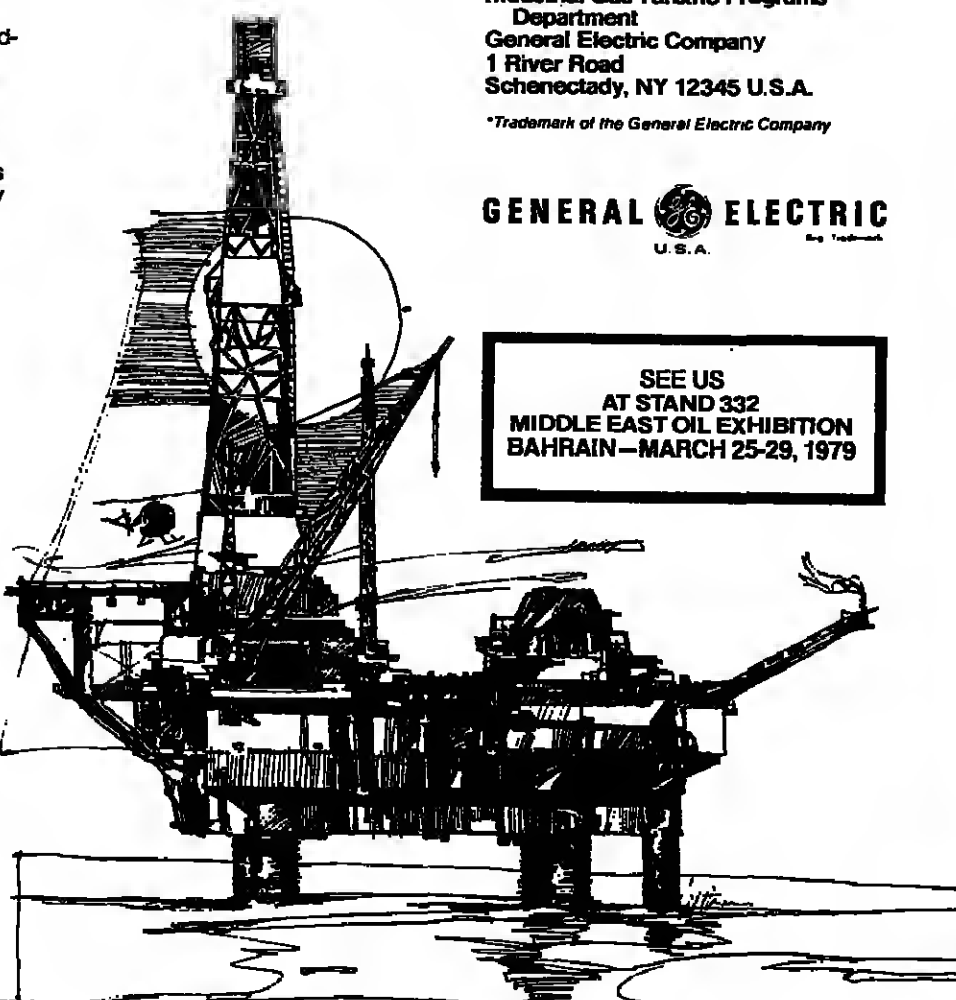
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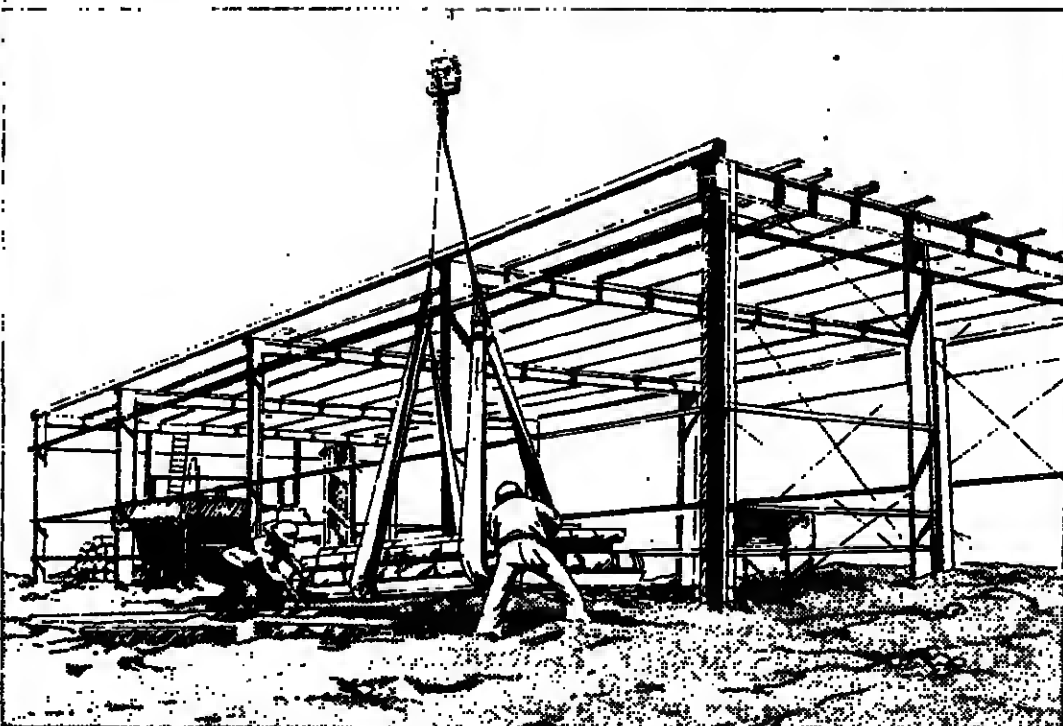
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Pakistan won't intervene in Afghanistan, Zia says

ISLAMABAD, March 20 (AP) — Pakistani President Gen. Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq says "present developments in Afghanistan are its internal affair and Pakistan has no intention of interfering."

He made the statement Monday to newsmen at Peshawar when asked to comment on current reports of Islamic dissidents fighting against President Nur Muhammad Taraki's government. Pakistan denies Kabul government claims that it has been helping or training guerrillas to fight in Afghanistan.

Zia said "We are trying our level best, and I think we will succeed, in maintaining a very peaceful stance toward Afghanistan."

"Pakistan has made several gestures of goodwill toward Afghanistan, including supply of food and speeding up transit trade which passes through the Pakistani port of Karachi and Pakistani railroads to landlocked Afghanistan," Zia added.

He said "the aim is that Pakistan and Afghanistan should live like good neighbors."



Gen. Zia-ul-Haq

He said 35,000 Afghan refugees have crossed over to Pakistan. He said "we have not made any hue and cry about them, because it is a humanitarian problem," but assistance from international agencies is being sought.

"As long as the Afghan refugees are in Pakistan and they are peaceful and do not use Pakistan's soil for any activities which may jeopardize Pakistan-Afghanistan relations, we will give them (refugees) all possible assistance, to live here peacefully, until they go back," Zia said.

Zia also said he sent his foreign affairs adviser, Agha Shahi, to Turkey Monday to discuss expansion in bilateral relations, following withdrawal of Pakistan, Iran and Turkey from the Central Treaty Organization. All three nations withdrew from the Western-sponsored defense treaty last week, saying it does not ensure their security in the changed circumstances of the present.

Zia was also asked whether Pakistan is considering rejoining the Commonwealth, which it quit seven years ago, during the premiership of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto. There are nearly a quarter million Pakistanis working in Britain, and they feel that certain facilities available to Commonwealth citizens are being denied to them.

"All I can tell you is that we are considering it. We are working on certain arrangements and there are possibilities, we might view it objectively," he said.

In Tehran, Tuesday more than 200 Afghan theological students demonstrated demanding the ouster of Kabul's pro-Moscow government and the expulsion of all Soviet advisers.

The students paraded in front of the Afghanistan consulate with banners saying, "We want the fall of the Taraki regime, followers of Communist Russia," and "All Russian advisers must be expelled from Afghanistan."

President Taraki seized power in a Moscow-backed coup nearly one year ago.

Polisario Front claims killing 295 Moroccans

ALGIERS, March 20 (R) — The Polisario Front guerrillas fighting for the independence of the Western Sahara have claimed they killed 295 Moroccan troops in clashes last week. In a statement published in Algiers Monday, the Algerian-backed front said they also captured eight Moroccan soldiers, including two officers, in ambushes and clashes near the Western Sahara towns of Laayoune and Tifariti.



CYCLISTS: 21-year-old Marit Voster and her 25-year-old blind passenger Tore Noerland, known as the Biking Vikings, are on a 10,000 mile around-the-world tour to show that handicapped people can still enjoy life. Monday, the two cyclists were received by Mrs. Jihan Sadat. Picture shows the couple receive a starting push from the Lord Mayor of London Sir Kenneth Cork in London recently.

Jihan Sadat sees blind round-the-world cyclist

CAIRO, March 20 (Agencies) — Jihan Sadat told a blind Norwegian cyclist Monday that cycling from Cairo to Tel Aviv may soon be easy.

She received the disabled cyclist Tore Noerland, 25, and his companion Marit Voster, 21, at the presidential residence in the Cairo suburb of Giza.

The cyclists are known as the Biking Vikings. They are on a 10,000 mile around-the-world tour to show that handicapped people can still enjoy life. One of their support groups for this trip is the U.S. space agency, NASA.

"We want to demonstrate that when you are blind or otherwise handicapped, life is not over," Noerland told the first lady as they sipped soft drinks in her sitting room.

"For the blind you can bike through the world, listen to the different sounds of nature, the rivers, the birds twittering and smell the various scents of flowers. You can live."

"Yes, it is true, you can see more with your heart," Mrs. Sadat answered as she praised them for their "fantastic courage" and said they proved the saying that "when there is a will there is a way."

"What you and your husband, President (Anwar) Sadat, are doing for peace in the Middle East is very, very important, and good," Noerland said. "One day in the future biking can be from Cairo to Jerusalem," to which Mrs. Sadat replied, "Yes really, really it will come one day."

Kate Millett condemns Iran

PARIS March 20 (AP) — American feminist leader Kate Millett, shaken by what she called her terrifying deportation from Iran, arrived in Paris Monday and condemned the new regime in Tehran. "I've never been so afraid in my whole life," she told an impromptu press conference at Orly Airport after arriving. Though she was not physically harmed, Ms. Millett, and her companion Sophia Keir of Vancouver, were held overnight in a locked room with armed guards before being deported for "provocations."

Alleged spy arrested in Israel

TEL AVIV March 20 (AP) — A Swede who served in United Nations forces in the Middle East has been arrested as a spy, police said Monday. Police said the suspect no longer worked for the United Nations. He was arrested a few days ago when he arrived on a visit.

Pakistani official in Ankara

ANKARA, March 20 (R) — Pakistan's adviser on foreign affairs, Agha Shahi, arrived Monday for two days of talks with Foreign Minister Gunduz Uluken. The expected disbandment of the Central Treaty Organization was to be discussed.

Cypriot official goes to Africa

NICOSIA, March 20 (R) — The director of the Service for overseas Cypriots, Andreas Christodoulides, left Nicosia Monday to visit Cypriot communities in Zambia and South Africa, the Cyprus News Agency reported. He will look into their problems and discuss a plan under which they would contribute to the financing of the new Cyprus University.

Non-essential workers

Iran to dismiss foreign labor

Tehran, March 20 (Agencies) — Iran's Ministry of Labor Tuesday said foreign employees in non-essential jobs will be dismissed in two stages under new regulations that take effect in a month's time.

The new labor regulation is expected to affect about 500,000 workers, mostly from India, Pakistan, Afghanistan and the Philippines, employed on construction sites in various parts of Iran.

The ministry said work permits for foreign nationals at the lower supervisory and unskilled level, such as drivers and construction workers, will be valid until April 21. Higher supervisory personnel such as managers, teachers and engineers, will be valid until June 21. Foreign employers considered essential to the nation's economy would be retained.

Employment of foreigners in Iran without a work permit is forbidden. About 200,000 foreign workers are illegally working in the country, most from the neighboring states of Afghanistan and Pakistan.

The government acted as the nation's unemployment rolls swelled to about four million.

Increased unemployment was forecast as a result of the economic recession in the wake of the revolution that overthrew the Shah last month.

In a statement carried by the official Pars news agency, the ministry said renewal of all permits would be "prosecuted to the full extent of the law."

Ethiopia blames Numeiri for failure of peace bid

NAIROBI, March 20, (R) — Ethiopia has severely criticized Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri, accusing him of betraying Africa by failing to accept a reconciliation with Addis Ababa.

An Ethiopian Foreign Ministry statement broadcast by Addis Ababa, Monday night, said the Sudanese president had betrayed Africa by acting "as the servant of imperialism and therefore his competence to speak on behalf of Africa, as the current chairman of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), was questionable."

An OAU-supported attempt to resolve long-standing differences between the two countries, which

have both been involved in the war for independence in the northern Ethiopian province of Eritrea, ended in failure in Sierra Leone a month ago.

Ethiopian leader Mengistu Haile Mariam flew to the West African state for several hours of face-to-face talks with Numeiri.

Sudanese officials blamed the failure on Ethiopia's refusal to discuss the Eritrean issue.

The Ethiopian ministry statement said: "Failure of the Freetown discussions was attributable to the fact that Numeiri had no independence, and had to receive instructions from his mentors."

Ethiopian forces besieged, says Eritrea front leader

BAGHDAD, March 20 (AP) — Abdullah Edris, the military leader of the Eritrean Liberation Front (ELF), has claimed that his forces are besieging "most of the Ethiopian controlled Eritrean towns," the Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported.

An INA dispatch from an unspecified location in Eritrea, Monday quoted Edris as saying the ELF forces have been effectively preventing Ethiopian forces

to venture out of the besieged cities, and inflicted heavy casualties on them during five different battles this month.

The dispatch said the Eritrean capital, Asmara, was among the besieged towns, but it did not name the others.

The ELF rebels, who are backed by Iraq, have been fighting for the secession of the province of Eritrea from Ethiopian rule for the past 15 years.

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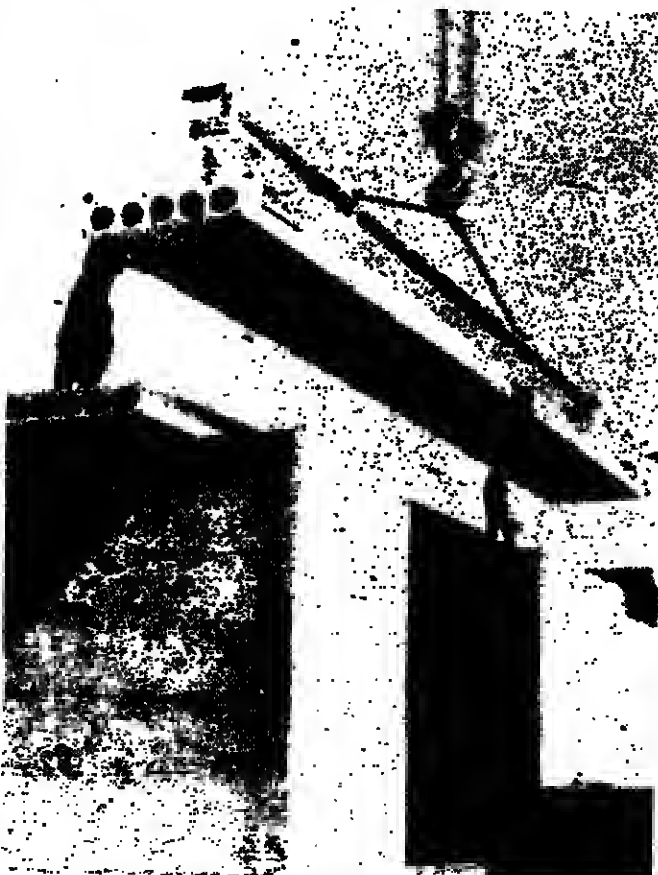
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A REMINDER

Saudi Arabia's reaffirmation of its position on the Middle East conflict and its settlement is a reminder — if such a reminder is necessary — that the Kingdom's interests as an Arab and Muslim country transcend strict national interests.

As a central force in the Arab world, Saudi Arabia's regional interests must represent the collective interests and aspirations of the majority of people in the region. By the same token, the country's sympathies and aspirations are those of the region as a whole.

Advocates of the proposed peace treaty between Egypt and Israel portray the Kingdom and other Arab countries as obstacles to a comprehensive peace. But moral coercion is hardly a substitute for a truly just basis for settlement. The issue in question is not what diplomatic maneuvers and press campaigns would like us to believe. It is that the highly desirable peace, which Saudi Arabia and the rest of the Arab world want, must satisfy the aspirations of the Arabs. Only then will peace be permanent.

Perhaps in the global view, there is no allowance for such aspirations. But Saudi Arabia's perspective is not a global one. While it appreciates all efforts at securing a regional and global settlement, it reserves the right to judge the validity and feasibility of these approaches when they are applied to the Middle East. Its acceptance or rejection of methods and conditions, consequently, is based on regional interests.

In the past, statements by Saudi Arabia on the Middle East question have often been read as a "change" in Saudi policy in Western political and press circles. A new wave of "surprise" and speculation is underway.

But observers need not look beyond the series of policy statements made by the Kingdom to realize the consistency of Saudi policy. The confusion seems to arise from the false conviction that what is good for the West is necessarily good for Saudi Arabia and the Arab world.

While Saudi Arabia and several other Arab countries prize their friendship with the West, they cannot put this friendship before their destinies. Well-disguised, but nevertheless apparent, threats or warnings are hardly incentives for joining the peace process.

Oil and politics

By Ronald Reagan

Energy, America's problem is not so much a shortage of it as it is a surplus of government — and politics.

In Long Beach, Calif., oil decreed by government as "old oil" stays in the ground because the mandated price isn't high enough to pump it out. Meanwhile, a few feet away, Japanese tankers land Middle East oil at \$13 a barrel.

Energy Secretary James Schlesinger says that the oil industry is about to scrap plans for a terminal in Long Beach and a pipeline to Texas to move Alaskan oil inland for refining. The regulatory hurdles and delays appear to have proved too much for the industry, after all. Chalk up another victory for politics.

And, also in California, although a federal judge ruled that Gov. Brown's relentlessly anti-nuclear Energy Commission could no longer deny plant permits on the basis of a state law calling for near-impossible waste disposal technology, the public utilities didn't jump with joy. They say they will await the outcome of appeals to higher courts. Having spent large sums of money and endless frustrating hours trying to thread their way through California's "Catch-22" permit process, no wonder they are exhausted.

In Seabrook, New Hampshire, the public utility that has fought tirelessly to build a nuclear plant to supply large quantities of electricity to energy-short New England, has about run out of construction money. Having survived virtually every roadblock the resourceful anti-nuclear, no-growth people could throw at them, the utility says it may have to sell the project to its shareholders and others in order to get enough money to finish building it.

Schlesinger, again the other

day, weighed in with perhaps the gloomiest comment of all. He reminded a congressional hearing that if a ship were to be sunk in the narrow Straits of Hormuz, through which flows 60 per cent of the free world's oil (from the Gulf), the Western world would undergo profound upset and change.

What is the answer? Barter is at least part of it according to economist Eliot Janeway. He says that "the idea of the United States wringing its hands for fear of running out of claims on oil in a world rich in reserves and poor only in the politics of negotiating for them is preposterous."

He says that Mexico could be a prime candidate for a barter strategy. The U.S. holds the answer to Mexico's need for capital and technological supply as a means of solving its population and economic problems, and Americans need Mexico's oil. What is needed is barter-oriented leadership willing to overcome old prejudices and deal with Mexico as a partner. The Mexicans, for their part, need to put their historic distrust of the U.S. behind them.

Alaskan oil offers barter potential, too. At least for the short-term, some of it might be sold to the Japanese in exchange for third-party oil committed to the Japanese which could be transported to U.S. ports faster than Alaskan oil (at present, Alaskan oil must be transferred at the Panama canal from large to small tankers in order to get to Texas refineries). Congress, in an effort to make Americans energy-independent, passed a bill a few years ago prohibiting the sale of Alaskan oil outside the U.S. Inadvertently, that bill has become the roadblock to creative barter possibilities which would actually increase U.S. independence. (KFS)



Leisure of the theory class

By David Heaps

PRINCETON, N.J. — Exotic travel and elegant hostilities no longer are the unique preserve of Greek shipping magnates and Hollywood personalities. Now, a thriving growth industry of international seminars and conferences bestows these same privileges on the vanguard of the American intelligentsia.

Armed with the basic tools of their trade — prepaid air tickets, pitiful epigrams, tennis rackets in season, and a cache of formidable names to be dropped — they ponder the destiny of mankind in surroundings unmatched since James Hilton discovered Shangri-la.

Thus, in the protective shelter of the Rockies, on the verdant shores of Lake Como, in the hushed drawing rooms of French chateaux, English manors and Tyrolean schlosses, burning issues are defused during the short days and long nights of the round table. International salons like Aspen, Bellagio, Ditchley Manor and Royaumont are now as familiar to the cognoscenti as scandals and Greenwich to the Madison Avenue commuter.

Excessive population growth is decried in the protected luxury of a lakeside villa in a densely populated Mediterranean country. World hunger problems are savored by the new technocrats of the breakfast table between sumptuous repasts. Urban and global poverty is sanitized amid the opulent surroundings of exclusive

country resorts. The darkness of emotional depression is illuminated at a medical gathering on a Caribbean island.

The illustrious personalities who grace these closed encounters uphold impeccable standards of morality. They deplore corporate or government corruption. They would spurn the faintest hint of financial impropriety or the use of public office for personal gain. They are, however, less immune to the more subtle blandishments of a week or month of lakes, castles, yachts, mountains and beaches. Many are so busy traveling from seminar to conference to meeting that they do not even have time to take vacations.

These flying circuses are orchestrated by trendy ringmasters with an unerring instinct for the latest fashionable orthodoxy. Their performing troops, girded for instant prescription at an antiseptic distance from where the action is, include academic pundits, Washington-watchers, news media specialists, pension columnists, global analysts, think-tank scribblers. Foreign intellectuals, particularly with Oxford accents, are a prized acquisition to illustrate the basic seminar principle that how you say anything is more important than what you say.

Heretical observers have sometimes wondered why a country faced with so many outstanding problems should be so plentifully endowed with so many underutilized authorities ready to resolve them. They do not understand that in a highly advanced society

the supply of available advisers increases in geometric proportion to the growth of unresolved problems.

Thus, a plethora of experts abounds: urban specialists to demonstrate with charts and graphs that American cities are in the state they manifestly are in; economic development analysts to provide compelling evidence that poor nations and peoples are less well off than the rich; political strategists on the Horn, the Cape and the Gulf to explain how the latest crisis should have been averted; educators to describe utopian communal schools in China and Israel rather than declining standards in East Harlem or the South Bronx; moral and legal philosophers to draw fine distinctions between political and economic rights for distant peoples deprived of both.

Despite economic uncertainty and the declining dollar, the deep-thought industry enjoys all the conditions for irrefragable expansion. It has a ready supply of producers, scenarios, locations and seasoned professionals whose material needs little refurbishing for repeat performances. It has an exclusive audience infected with the virus of subsidized global travel for which no antidote has ever been discovered. And it has troubled societies in constant need of colloquies on the eternal verities. They will be scheduled shortly at the same places for the same people under the same idyllic conditions — with the same results. —(NYT)

saudi press review

"The statement by the Council of Ministers reaffirms the Kingdom's position regarding the Middle East question and should confound those who may have been trying to mislead others about this country's commitments to the Baghdad summit resolutions," "Al-Nadwa" said.

"This reaffirmation by Saudi Arabia should convince those involved in a solution that peace would be impossible the way it is being pursued."

"This is not only the position of the Kingdom," the paper said, "but that of all the Arab people. As long as others persist in following this imaginary peace, we cannot but urge and work for greater coordination with all sincere Arabs in order to face up to the challenges of the conspiracy."

Discussing what it called "President Sadat's fears," "Al-Nadwa" said that Sadat's "staggering last minute concessions" to Carter and Begin which he made at Cairo air-

port revealed his "deep rooted fear of failure."

He gave away too much in such a hurry because he knew that failure of the American initiative would sweep away everything the dreamers had built up on the way to a treaty with the Zionist enemy. This fear was exploited by Israel which persisted in extracting one concession after another without giving anything in return.

"Israel's arrogant exclusion of the future of Jerusalem from any talks with the Arabs is proof that real peace in the region is still very distant," according to "Al-Riyadh."

"It also means that Egypt has accepted the principle that Jerusalem should not be even discussed in any peaceful framework. This calls for a decisive Arab response that aims at regaining the holy places in Palestine. This has come in the form of the reiteration by the Kingdom that a solution

can only be found within the legitimate framework of Arab summit resolutions."

Commenting on the United Nations Conference on Disarmament "Al-Bilad" said: "There seems to be a trend to reduce the mad scramble for conventional and nuclear arms in favor of greater economic development."

The paper listed two objectives to be sought: "—To reduce human suffering as a result of wars with such destructive weapons; — To channel more funds — now wasted on weapons and ammunition — to economic development."

The paper pointed to the fact that the states of the world outside the United States and the Soviet Union spend nearly \$400 billion a year on weapons and ammunition. "One can only imagine how useful this money would have

Iran's Kurdish problem

By John de St. Jorre

MAHABAD, Iran. — "We want autonomy for the Kurds and all minorities in Iran," Sheikh Ezzedin Hosseini said, tucking his feet underneath him and reaching for a piece of chicken. "We will use peaceful means but if that fails we will fight for our rights."

The men sitting around the simple supper spread out on the carpeted floor nodded their approval. Among them was the sheikh's only son — a graduate in computer sciences from Tehran University, a respected bookshop owner and publisher, the nephew of Ghazi Muhammad, president of the short-lived republic of Kurdistan and executed here in the town by the Shah in 1947, and a handful of turbaned Kurdish warriors in baggy pants, brilliant sashes and enough weaponry to equip a platoon of infantry.

"We are not separatists," said the sheikh in a voice hoarse from long hours of talking. "We are Iranians. We want a federal republic. Iran will not break up if the Kurds, Turks and Baluchis get autonomy. On the contrary, the country will be happier and more united." The sheikh, now in his sixties but a man of incisive speech and manner, is the Khomeini of Iran's five million Kurds. He belongs to no political party but, as a religious leader and Kurdish nationalist, he holds the allegiance of the vast majority of the Kurds who live in this mountainous and starkly beautiful corner of Iran.

Following rumors of separatist activities, the government in Tehran recently dispatched a delegation to talk to Sheikh Ezzedin and other Kurdish leaders. The Kurds outlined their demands in an eight-point plan which, amounts to home rule, leaving foreign affairs, defense and national economic planning in the hands of the central government. The delegation gave the Kurds a

sympathetic hearing but made no promises. The Kurdish leaders are worried about the new Iranian constitution currently being drafted in the capital. The outbreak of fighting in the area this week, was a manifestation of the Kurdish mood.

"We will not accept a constitution without consultations," said the sheikh, adjusting his white turban with a surprisingly youthful hand. "What we want immediately is a statement of principle on the Kurdish problem from the Ayatollah."

Whether the Kurds will get it is another matter. The centrifugal potential of Iran's ethnic minorities has always been a sensitive issue in Tehran. The Kurds, descendants of the ancient Medes and split between Iran, Iraq, Turkey and the Soviet Union, present the biggest challenge.

But whatever happens to Kurdistan will have significant impact on the country's other ethnic groups. The Turkish-speaking people of Azerbaijan in the north — they also had a butterfly republic at the end of World War II — share similar aspirations, and in the east along the border with Pakistan there is a history of Baluchi irredentism.

Outside the sheikh's house snow was falling, whitening the chequered turbans and thick moustaches of the guards. Ghazi Muhammad's nephew told me how, as a boy of 11, he had watched his uncle on a similar wintry night go to the gallows.

"We have nothing against an Islamic republic in Iran but we must have autonomy too. We have been Muslims for 1,400 years but Kurds for 3,000 years."

Kurdistan, always a centre of opposition to the Shah's imperial and centralized rule, has turned the same cartwheel as the rest of the country. Revolutionary committees, patterned on Khomeini's in Tehran, have sprung up with the

same combination of local guerrillas and soldiers reporting an responsive to the Ayatollah rather than to the formal Bazaragan government.

There are, however, some important local differences. Even Kurds, young or old, seem to own a rifle, ranging from antique Mini-Henrys and Lee Enfields to modern G-3 automatics and Kalashnikovs.

The Kurdish national dress long banned under the Shah, proudly worn again everywhere, has appeared, soon to be followed, I was assured, by Kurdish newspapers.

The Marxist Fedayeen and Islamic Mujahideen have established offices in Mahabad to appear to work more closely with the committee than elsewhere.

There is also the Kurdish Democratic Party, founded by Ghazi Muhammad 32 years ago and above ground for the first time. Its leader is an economist called Abdul-Rahman Ghassemlou who returned clandestinely four months ago after 20 years exile in Czechoslovakia and France.

He echoes Sheikh Ezzedin's plea for an autonomous Kurdistan and will be going to Tehran to the religious leader to press the Kurds' demands. As we are taking a young man in traditional dress comes in and is introduced the head of the "Pesh Merg" (Kurdish irregulars).

He and a 50-man unit together with 200 regular soldiers run local garrison, which, like most of the bases in Kurdistan, is staffed with the Shah's expensive, highly lethal weaponry — thought that must worry authorities in Tehran. The young man carries a brand-new Kalashnikov ("from the Party," he says) and has the grip of a blacksmith (OFNS)

Germany's industrial peace

By Norris Willatt

DUSSELDORF — Hopes of a relaxation of tension in West German industrial relations have risen after the constitutional court's ruling that the country's Mitbestimmung or worker participation law doesn't violate the federal constitution.

The law, enacted in 1976, became mandatory for 650 of the largest industrial companies in the country at the latest by July 1, 1978. It gave representatives of the workers and trade unions parity on boards of management with those of the shareholders.

It was challenged in 1977 by a score or so of employers' organizations, including the West German Federation of Employers' Association, the largest, with headquarters in Dusseldorf, and by nine of the biggest companies in the land, including Daimler-Benz, Hoechst and BASF.

Their case was that the law violated certain rights guaranteed by the constitution, and notably the right of the owners of private property to dispose of it as they please. The employers' argument was that equality for workers and trade unionists on boards could produce situations in which the shareholders would be prevented from taking decisions affecting their interests as owners of enterprises.

The unions resented the challenge, arguing that the law had been approved by all three parties in the federal parliament, and during the two years or so since, the controversy has soured relations between the employers and the unions. The acrimonious strikes and lockouts in the metalworking industry in the spring of last year, and in the steel industry in the

autumn, were considered to be one outcome.

Another, and rather more serious, was the withdrawal of union representatives from regular meetings with the employers and government to discuss the economic situation and plan joint economic policy.

Return of the unions to the conference table is considered urgently desirable in government circles in view of the many problems facing the economy, such as industrial stagnation, high unemployment and export difficulties due to the revaluation of the Deutsche Mark.

There seems no obvious reason why this should not happen. To all appearances, the unions ought to be pleased with the outcome of the case. Worker parity on boards (that is, under the West German two-tier system, the supervisory boards, the supreme decision-making bodies in business enterprises) has been upheld.

On the other hand, a close examination of the verdict suggests that the employers may not be wholly dissatisfied with it. It was never their intention to seek repeal of the Mitbestimmung law, so obviously desired by a majority of all West Germans. Their objective was more limited: to ensure that it didn't violate fundamental guarantees of private property.

The judges ruled that it did not do so because the apparent equality on the board doesn't quite hold true in practice. If employers' and workers' representatives reach deadlock, then the chairman of the board has a second, casting vote; and he is practically certain to decide in favor of the shareholders.

This is because in the case of a deadlock vote on the choice of

chairman, the office can legally be filled by a representative of owners (and, in that case, workers can appoint the chairman). This is what has happened overwhelmingly in companies which have come with the new law.

So even though to all appearances the unions have won, as it stands is far from what they have all along pressed for, on the lines of one vote, and no casting vote.

They have a precedent in the form of worker participation in the coal, iron and steel industry, which, interestingly, was devised by the Allied Occupation Authority as long ago as 1946.

In those industries, employers and workers have board membership, with the chairman chosen independently from the company.

The reaction of the court ruling, as expressed by Heinz-Oskar Vetter, chairman of the West German Trade Unions, is that "it continues to strive for 'parity', presumably, through legislation."

If this effort should be successful, it's possible to envisage a challenge through the courts by the employers — and it is assumed that in the circumstances, the court would rule the same the seeds of a new conflict could be germinating.

But it will take quite some time for them to sprout; an immediate outlook is for a something more like traditional harmony which has been in West German industries since 1946. (OFNS)

been if invested in development projects. A lesson may be derived from Japan which in the last 20 years concentrated on economic reconstruction rather than on building a war machine. In record time, the country was able to rebuild itself and become a leading economic power.

"It is the duty of the big powers

to put an end to this insane waste of human resources and provide the atmosphere for true détente," the paper added.

"Al-Bilad" said that "certain Arab papers wrongly believe that Saudi press opinion and that of the Saudi government are identical."

"This is neither true nor fair



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Arabesque renaissance

By F. W. Rawling

The Hani Establishment, off Palestine Road West, is run by Abdul Aziz Mustafa and Abdul Ghani Mahmoud. They are Egyptian business partners who came to Jeddah three years ago after a successful sojourn of 10 years in Beirut.

They specialize in the production of fine woodwork of traditional Islamic design for doors, windows, screens, and the such. They also undertake a variety of other decorative commissions in gilded plaster work, fine marquetry, mother of pearl, brilliantly painted chests and screens and carvings of splendid quality.

To go into the tightly packed showroom at the workshop is to be exhilarated by the profusion of beautiful works of art. The workshop itself is full of the hum of bandsaws and the smell of seasoned timber. On one side, propped against the wall, is a huge wooden door with parts of the bronze leaf still attached to the surface of the intricate design. This almost certainly came from the 14th century Cairo house of Sidi Yusuf Effendi. Beyond it stands another great door, possibly of the 17th century, from the same fabled city.

In those times, craftsmen were supported and encouraged by the patronage of great men. Now the princes and magnates of Arabia beautify their houses and embellish their mosques with woodwork in the same grand arabesque tradition.

Some of Hani's 70 craftsmen are always engaged round and about Jeddah fitting doors and windows to the important buildings and fine houses which are springing up everywhere. Especially commissioned works now grace the residences of Saudi officials serving their country overseas. In this way, the decorative forms which have distinguished the Arab world are now being seen in the capital cities of Europe.

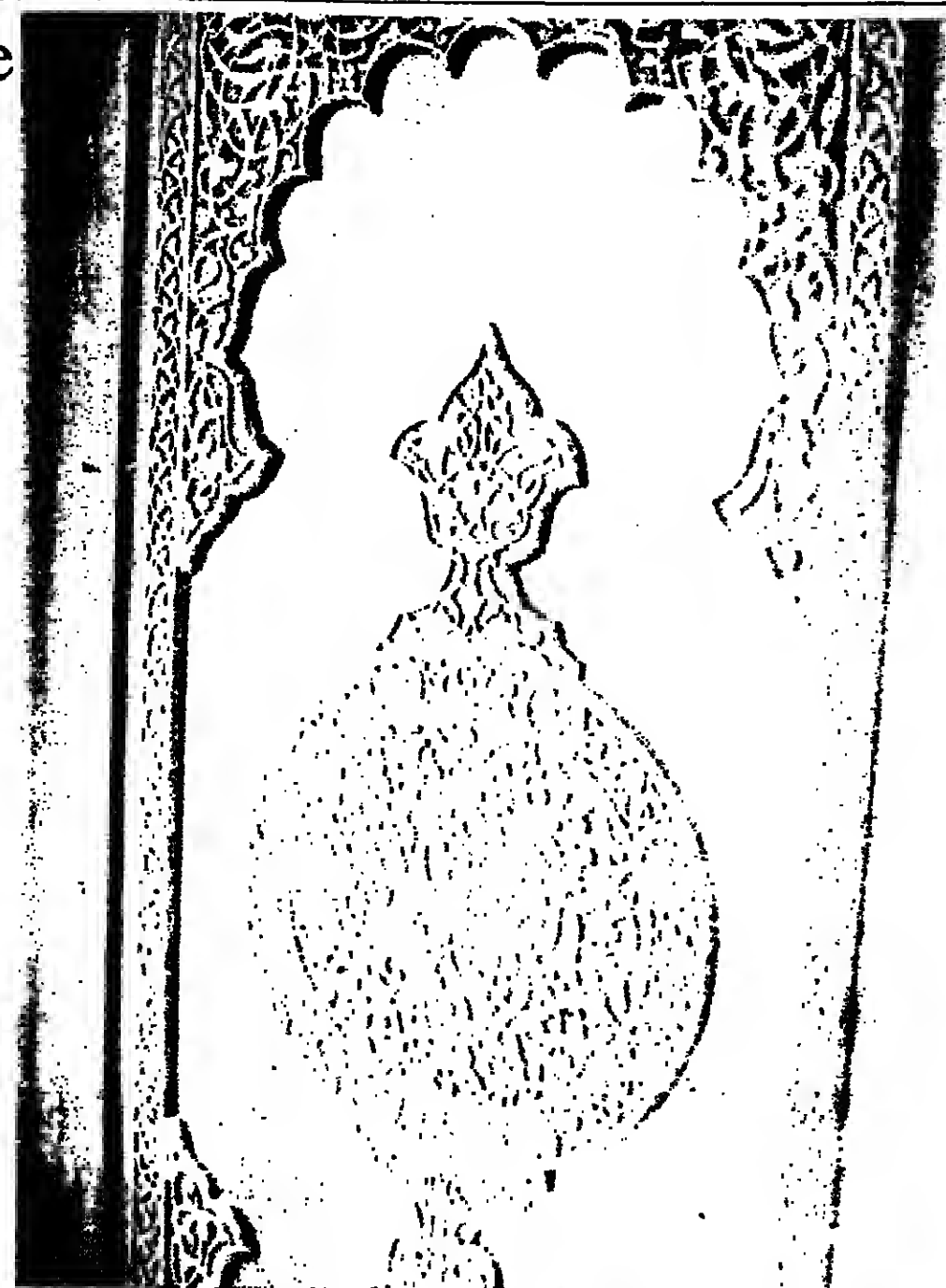
The forests of India, Sweden and California produce the mahogany and white pine which will be transformed, in Jeddah, into enduring works of art.

The craftsmen, many of whom have been with the company since its earliest days, are all Egyptian and they delight in showing off their workmanship.

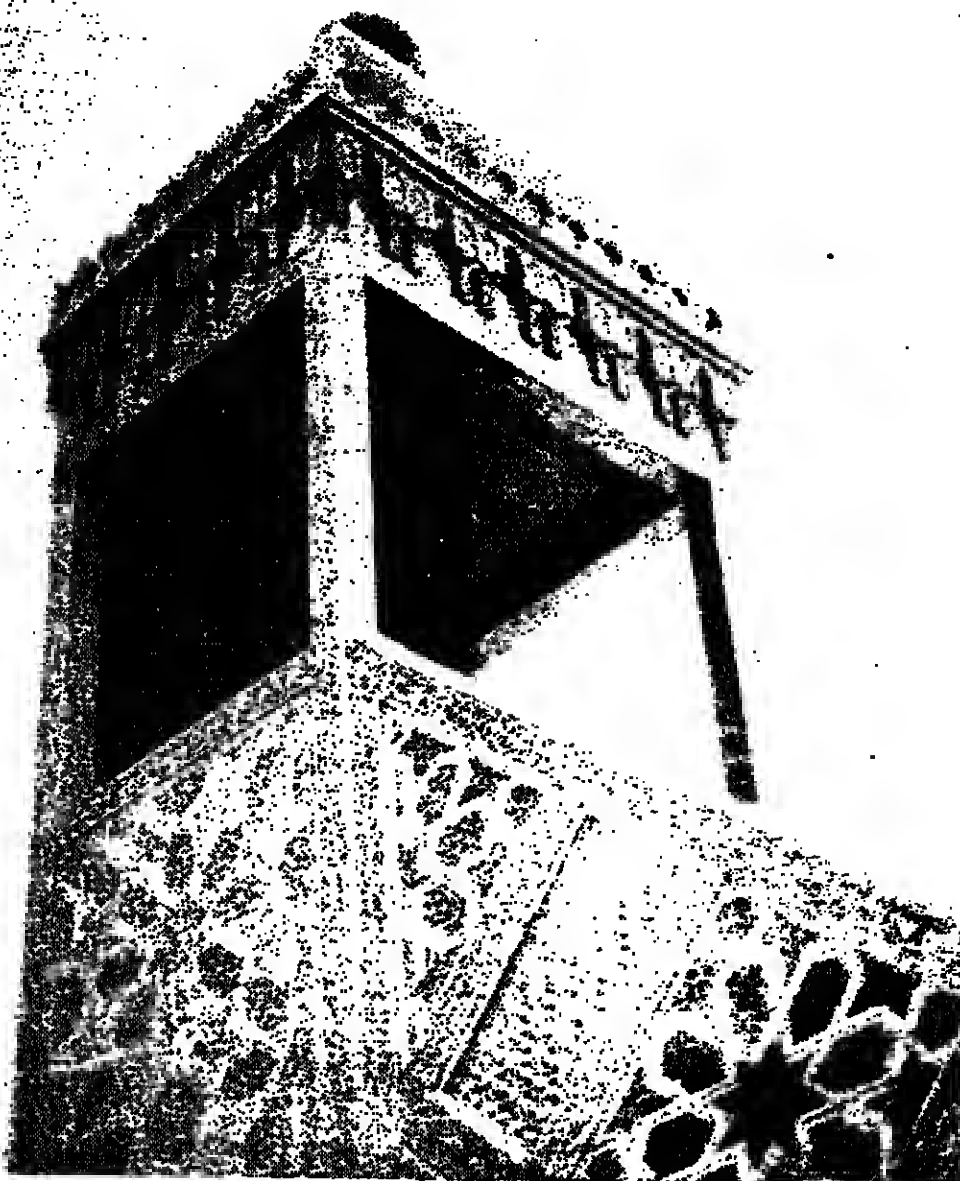
In the office, Abdul Aziz Mustafa explained, with his photograph album, the rising fortunes of the firm. On the table was a massive, leather-bound book of 18th century French prints of Cairene architecture and domestic ornament. All the patterns are still in evidence in the doors, screens and windows which are being made today.

There is a timelessness about the arabesque so that nothing appears self consciously archaic. On the contrary, much of the work displayed has a freshness and simplicity of line well suited to the spirit of the new age in Arabia.

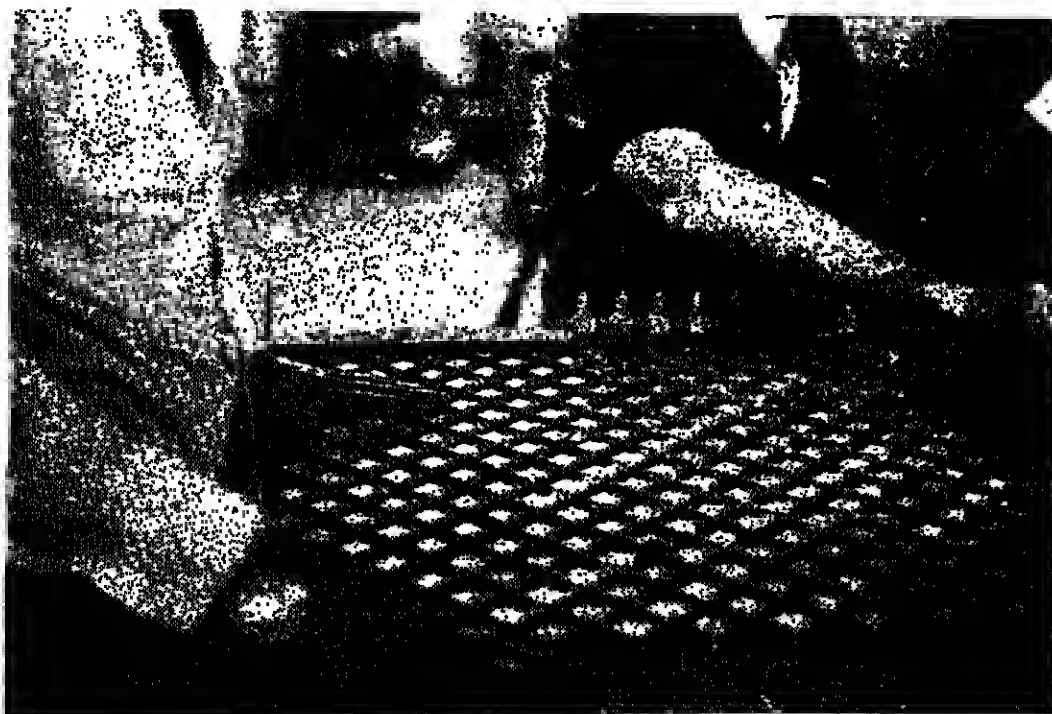
Later, Abdul Aziz Mustafa (himself no mean carver of wood) and Abdul Ghani Mahmoud showed me the several commissions they were completing in various parts of the city. We came, finally, to the glittering, white-marble mosque of Prince Salman, which is shortly to be dedicated. It is fitting that the finest works of men's hands should be offered to the Almighty. Here, in the cool, white stillness of the mosque is a superbly fashioned pulpit standing beside a pattern of windows, austere, authoritative and harmonious.



Detail of a fine door



A Mihrab



Assembling an intricate screen

Automotive surgery

By Bob Baker

WESTLAKE VILLAGE, Calif. — The sounds you are about to imagine come from men ripping the guts out of a new \$18,000 Cadillac Seville.

Don't worry. They're merely labor pains. A tiny, dead chunk of the American dream is being reborn.

Three years after the last American car manufacturer stopped making convertibles, luxurious new ones are reappearing from surprising sources.

The work doesn't take place in Detroit. It goes on in little factories tucked away in suburban industrial parks in Westlake Village and Simi Valley north of Los Angeles.

Workmen from competing firms decapitate and virtually demolish a new four-door Seville and transform it into an ostentatious two-door convertible that will be put on the market at \$39,000 to \$60,000.

In Westlake, veteran Los Angeles car dealer Irv Ogner calls his creation a Sam Remo. In Simi, factory owner Milan Daniel names his product after himself: the Milan roadster.

Production at both plants began several months ago in a calculated effort to fill a small void in the American automobile market:

Sales are reported excellent.

While a variety of business, social and environmental factors during the 1970s convinced American auto firms that the convertible was a dead horse, Ogner and Daniel say numerous affluent buyers continue to treasure the thought of a new one.

"The response has been phenomenal," Daniel said.

"Every car that comes off that (assembly) line has a hot seat waiting for it," Ogner said.

The last convertible made by a major American manufacturer—a white Cadillac Eldorado—rolled off the General Motors assembly line in the spring of 1976, ending a 74-year era of American ragtops.

The convertible reached a zenith of popularity after World War II, and by 1963 more than a half-million a year were being sold, accounting for 7 per cent of U.S. car sales.

Then the demise began. Installation of air conditioning in most other cars, fast freeway driving and federal rollover safety standards helped to erode the convertible's appeal, industry officials said.

American Motors dropped convertibles in 1968, followed by Chrysler in 1971 and Ford in 1973. GM's Chevrolet, Pontiac,

Buick and Oldsmobile divisions phased them out in 1975, leaving only the Cadillacs.

Ogner, president of Ogner Motors, estimates that he and Daniel are among only four or five small manufacturers of customized convertibles in the country.

"There will be others who'll try to go into it when they see the demand, but they'll have trouble succeeding," Ogner said. "It takes a large investment because of the overhead."

Ogner's workers remove the interior and the doors of a Seville and strip off the roof. They install longer front doors and a myriad of special features, such as customized chrome, heavily padded British leather seats, a rosewood control console and, of course, leather convertible top.

Depending on the other "extras" the customer requests, the price ranges from \$45,000 to \$60,000.

About half are sold directly to customers, the rest to Cadillac dealers, Ogner said.

At Daniel's Simi Valley factory, where the finished product sells for \$39,000, the changes are more obvious. Daniel not only removes the two back doors, but converts the car to a two-seater, shortening its length by about half a meter. —(LAT)

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VIENNA		Chasing March 10		Closing March 10	
Cremonese	343	343	343		
.....	365	365	365		
.....	570	567	567		
.....	48	48	48		
.....	238	237	237		
.....	244	244	245		
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TOKYO		Chasing March 10		Closing March 10	
		Price 100			
Akai Trading	378	378	382		
Asahi Glass Co. Chem.	167	167	165		
Asahi Glass	342	345	345		
Bank of Tokyo	377	377	377		
Banque Paribas	501	501	509		
Brigantine Tire	502	502	502		
.....	555	555	559		
Chiyoda	720	720	720		
Chosen Power	1620	1617	1618		
.....	473	463	463		
Daiichi Kaengyo Bank	385	385	385		
Dai Nippon Bank	535	535	535		
Dai Nippon Tsubo	143	143	193		
Ebara Manufacturing	444	444	444		
.....	335	335	335		
Fuji Photo Film	637	637	643		
Fuji Spinning	138	138	138		
.....	439	441	441		
Hitachi	248	249	249		
Honda Motor	481	478	478		
.....	109	109	109		
Ito	251	251	251		
J.N.L.	2940	2940	2940		
.....	130	130	138		
Kanai Power	1140	1140	1140		
.....	625	629	629		
Kawasaki Steel	123	122	122		
Kirin Brewery	447	445	445		
Komatsu	358	351	351		
.....	383	383	383		
Mitsubishi Inds.	655	656	656		
Mitsubishi Chemicals	558	557	557		
.....	535	535	535		
Nipponkai Soda	143	142	142		

EXCHANGE RATES AND LONDON GOLD

LONDON		NEW YORK	
March 19	Range		March 19
USA	2.6210-2.6230	5TG	2.6210-2.6230
Canada	2.1350-2.1360	BFR COP.	29.40-29.41
France	8.5000-8.5008	C	85.7400-8.7401
Belgium	59.28-59.30	LFR	4.2904-4.2954
Italy	1049.00-1049.50	DL	1.645-1.646.50
Spain	4.0450-4.0500	DL	1.0112-1.0110
Switzerland	3.4800-3.4900	SFR	1.6520-1.6430
W. Germany	3.7000-3.7008	DYD	1.2840-1.2850
Norway	6.7500-6.7508	VIN	9.00-9.07
Denmark	10.3500-10.3480	ANL. SAH	11.65-11.63
Australia	10.4250-10.4350	DYD	1.0110-1.0020
Portugal	96.96-97.30	NBR	5.1070-5.1090
Japan	282.2-140.35	PIRT	67.95-68.67
	410.95-419.55	SAH	28.25-28.24
		SPRFIN	40.10-40.54
		SPRFIN	39.79-39.41

N.Y. DOLLAR CROSS RATES

March 19		
Guilder	2.0034	
Belgian Franc	29.900	
Deutschmark	1.8575	
Hong Kong Dollar	4.8912	
French Franc	4.5716	
Italian Lira	835.76	
Schwitzer Yen	207.40	
Suisse Franc	1.7859	

Can. one month's disc./flat, two months 2-5 disc., three months 3-6 disc. vs. monthly 2-5 per cent, twelve months 5-12 per cent.	
LONDON GOLD	
	March 19
3.00 p.m. fix	\$242.25
Morning fix	\$240.85
Friday's fix	\$243.35

DOW JONES STOCK AVERAGES

DOW JONES CLOSING STOCK AVERAGES				DOW JONES 11.00 a.m. STOCK AVERAGES			
March 16				March 19			
30 Industrials ..	852.82	1 P 5.80	or 0.68%	30 Industrials ..	857.93	1 P 5.11	or 0.80%
20 Transport ..	217.52	1 P 0.93	or 0.43%	20 Transport ..	217.56	1 P 0.68	or 0.31%
10 Utilities ..	117.12	1 P 0.15	or 0.13%	10 Utilities ..	117.12	1 P 0.15	or 0.13%

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STOCK INDICES		مؤشرات البورصة		March 13		March 13		March 13		A year ago	
		March 13	March 13	March 13	March 13	March 13	March 13	March 13	March 13	March 13	A year ago
Government Secs.	71.53	71.65	71.06	72.29	72.64	72.63	72.65				76.95
Fixed Interest	72.25	71.22	71.91	72.08	72.68	72.79	72.85				78.25
Industrial Ordinary	59.77	59.77	59.77	59.77	59.77	59.77	59.77				62.73
Gold Mines	169.6	167.7	166.2	165.5	170.0	170.4	170.9				166.1
Oil Stocks (Excl. S.A.P.)	123.6	123.8	119.1	119.4	119.1	119.6	119.6				106.1
Ord. Ind. Yield	5.24	5.24	5.24	5.24	5.24	5.24	5.24				5.24
Earnings '74 (bill.)	14.76	14.76	14.76	14.76	14.76	14.76	14.76				17.38
P/E Ratio (Ind. Avg.)	12.88	12.88	12.88	12.88	12.88	12.88	12.88				12.88
Dealings averaged	5,711	6,491	7,832	8,241	8,961	8,961	8,961				4,935
Equity turnover	128.8	128.8	128.8	128.8	128.8	128.8	128.8				63.82
Dividend yield	8.48	8.48	8.48	8.48	8.48	8.48	8.48				8.48

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* Based on 52 per cent corporation tax. † Nil = 8.25.
Basis 100 Govt. Secs. 1510/25. ‡ Fixed Int. 1928. § Int. Ord. 1/7/25.
Gold Mines 12/9/35. Ex-5 pm Index started June, 1972. SE Activity July-Dec. 1942.

March 19 Lunchtime Prices

COCOA		Today's Closing	Previous Closing	MEAL		per tonne	
		\$ per tonne					
March	1665	1660	April	125.58	124.00		
May	1682	1690	June	126.90	126.50		
July	1699	1695	August	128.76	128.50		
September	1724	1716	October	128.00	127.00		
December	1774	1730	December	126.50	126.00		
March	1806	1790	February	127.80	125.50		
			April	129.00	126.00		

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March 19 Official Close		Today's Closing		Previous Closing	
March	1459	1458			
May	1440	1438			
July	1438	1436			
September	1440	1439			
November	1438	1435			
January	1428	1426			
March	1423	1416			

ALUMINUM		Today's Closing		Previous Closing	
Cash		749.00		750.00	
Three months		745.00		749.00	
Settlement		750.00		—	

GRAINS	Wheat Yesterday's Closing	Barley Yesterday's Closing
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	Cash	Cash	Wirebars		
March	97.15	93.70	Cash	1001.00	1001.50
May	99.35	95.80	Three months	1017.60	1018.00
September	93.65	86.45	Settlement	1001.50	--
November	96.00	89.60	Carbons		
January	99.60	93.25	Cash	995.80	995.50
			Three months	1011.40	1012.00
			Settlement	995.50	--

	Pence per kilo	
April	58.90	58.68
May	59.75	59.50

April-June	59.75	59.60	Cash	573.00	574.00
July-September	62.70	62.60	Three months	535.50	536.00
Oct.-December	64.75	64.70	Settlement	574.00	—
January-March	66.70	66.65			
April-June	68.65	68.60			
July-September	70.75	70.60			
Oct.-December	72.80	72.65			

SILVER		
Cash	361.50	361.70
Three months	572.90	573.00

RAW SUGAR	
Sugar Pref.	
Comm. Cont.	£ per long ton

	1973.85	1973.80	TEN		
August	107.85	107.80			
May	111.90	111.85			£ per tonne
October	114.90	114.85	Standard		
December	117.60	117.50	Cash	7460	7470
March	121.70	121.50	Three months	7570	7580
May	124.00	123.75	Settlement	7470	—
August	126.90	126.50	High Grade		
			Cash	7490	7500

WHITE SUGAR		£ per long ton
July	108.50	108.00

September	113.75	113.00	ZINC		
November	120.00	117.50			
February	126.50	125.00			£ per tonne
April	131.00	135.00		Cash	300.00 309.50
July	136.50	134.00		Three months	401.00 402.00
September	141.50	137.50		Settlement	309.50 —

INTEREST RATES

Station	Dutch Guilder	Swiss Franc	W. German Mark	French Franc	Italian Lira	Asian Dollar	Japanese Yen
10	6%-6%	—1/16-3/16	4 3/16-4 5/16	6%-7%	7-10	—	4%-7%
10	6%-6%	par-1/4	4 3/16-4 5/16	6%-7%	10 1/2-11 1/2	10 5/16-10 7/16	5%-6 9/16
11 1/16	6%-6%	1/16-3/16	4 3/16-4 5/16	6%-8%	11-12	10%-10 1/16	5%-5 9/16

-11 1/16	6 ³ u7	3/16-5/16	4 5/16-4 7/16
-11 1/16	6 ³ u7 ^u	9/16-11/16	4 9/16-4 11/16
-11 1/16	6 ³ u7	7/16	4 13/16-4 7/8

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TRYING TO PLEASE 200 SOLDIERS WHO DON'T KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FINE FOOD AND SLUDGE.

OF COURSE, THAT'S WHAT SAVES ME.

HAGAR

THERE WILL BE NO PEACE UNTIL ALL MEN LEARN TO UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER.

TRUE... TRUE...

HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET EVERYBODY TO SPEAK NORWEGIAN?

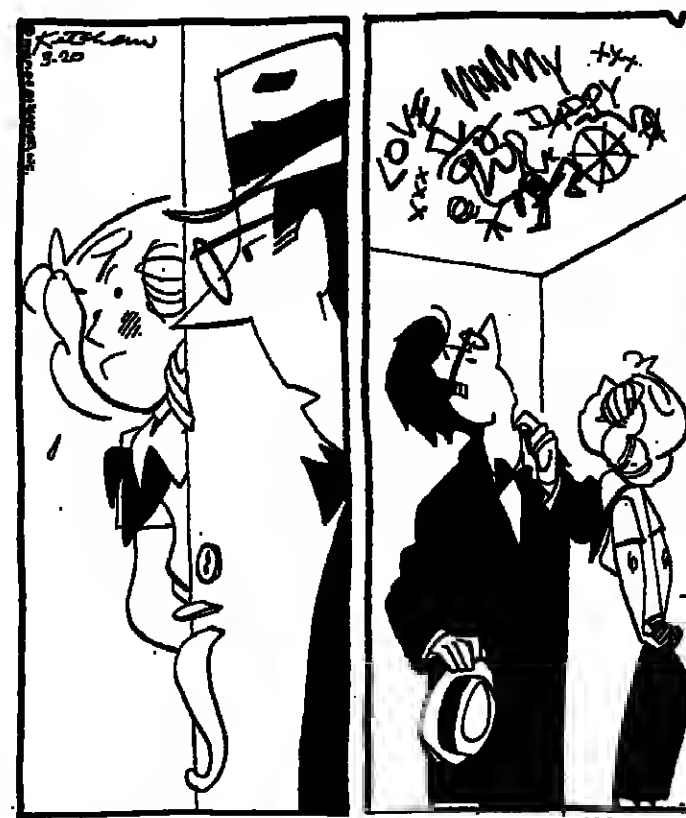
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Intersection

10 Book jacket

11 Crap shooter

13 Pizzeria fixture

14 Indian city

15 French sea

16 Place for peas

17 Place for storing

18 Now

20 Dracula's pet

21 Some

22 Phi—

23 Kappa

24 Cantankerous

26 Mushroom

27 Punta del

28 Clangor

29 Peer Gynt's mother

30 Remembering

34 D.C. legis.

35 Land measure

36 Prefix for gram

37 Hire

38 Football infraction

40 Picturesque

41 — spumante



Yesterday's Answer

19 Companion

22 Affiliation

23 Torments

24 Meaning

25 Baseball's

26 Perfection

28 Explosive device

29 Skin the —

30 Guide

31 Mandrake's forte

32 Faithless

33 Amalgamate

34 Rabbit fur

35 Chemical suffix

36 Skin the —

37 Skin the —

38 Skin the —

39 Skin the —

40 Skin the —

41 Skin the —

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A X Y D L B A A K E

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GMQ XCNQ ZBM TUQ ABIU

QCNC QCU XBPA JUXNJAL NIA

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Contract Bridge B. Jay Becker

A Slam Goes Down the Drain

East dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ K 5

♥ A J 8 4

♦ A J 8 4

♣ A 7 6 2

WEST

♠ 10 2

♥ Q 3

♦ Q 3

♣ K Q J 10 9 8 5 4

EAST

♠ J 7 6 4 3

♥ K 9 7 6 4 2

♦ 6 3

♣ K Q J 10 9 8 5 4

SOUTH

♠ A Q 8

♥ 10 8

♦ K Q 10 9 7 5

♣ 4

The bidding:

East South West North

Pass 1 ♠ 4 ♠ 6 ♠

Opening lead — king of clubs.

The basic purpose of a preemptive bid is to crowd the bidding so that the opponents — who are presumed to have the better hands — will have very limited space for the exchange of information.

Quite often this tactic succeeds and the opponents get to the wrong contract.

Consider West's four club bid, which is a typical preemptive bid. With seven winners in his hand and 100 honors to boot, West cannot lose more than 400 points even if he is doubled and goes down three.

In that case, after it turns out that his partner is

irreflexible, the 400-point sacrifice becomes very worthwhile, since the enemy are almost sure to have a game, if not a slam. From every viewpoint, therefore, the jump-overcall by West in clubs is a super-sound tactical measure.

New let's examine North's predicament after the preemptive overcall. It is not clear what he should do over four clubs. North's actual raise to six diamonds — though a stunt in the dark — is probably as good as any other bid he can make.

The way things turned out, though, North should have bid only five diamonds. West led the king of clubs, covered by the ace and ruffed by East. Declarer later lost a heart trick and went down one.

However, the outcome does not prove that North was wrong to have bid the slam. In fact, had declarer played the hand more carefully, he would have made six diamonds. He should have anticipated the possibility that East had no clubs, and protected against it by playing low from dummy on West's king of clubs!

If West then led the queen of clubs, declarer would again play low from dummy and ruff the club in his hand. It would then be easy for declarer to score the twelve tricks he had started with.

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By James Buchan

JEDDAH, March 20 — Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algosaibi Tuesday evening in Riyadh signed a joint venture

Henry Ford II to resign as chief of auto company

MELBOURNE, March 20 (AP) — Henry Ford II, chairman of the board of the Ford Motor Co., said Tuesday he would relinquish his executive responsibilities with the company by the end of the year.

But he told company officials at a luncheon to launch new model Fords from Australian plants that he planned to stay on in other capacities.

Ford was visiting Werribee, near Melbourne, to watch a demonstration of the new Falcon sedan car.

He told the officials that Tuesday was the last time he would talk to them in the role he had filled "with such pride and pleasure" during the past 34 years.

Insurgency in Herat

Heavy fighting reported in Afghan revolt

NEW DELHI, March 20 (AP) — The pro-Soviet regime in Afghanistan, which seized power in a coup 11 months ago, has been battling rebels since last week in the northwestern province of Herat, bordering Iran, diplomats reported Tuesday.

Fighting was reported heaviest in the ancient city of Herat, where insurgents were believed in partial

or complete control of key sectors. Casualties were estimated in the hundreds.

The diplomats stressed that reports were sketchy and could not be independently confirmed. On Sunday, Iran closed its border with Afghanistan, about 100 kilometers west of Herat, and travel in the region has been restricted.

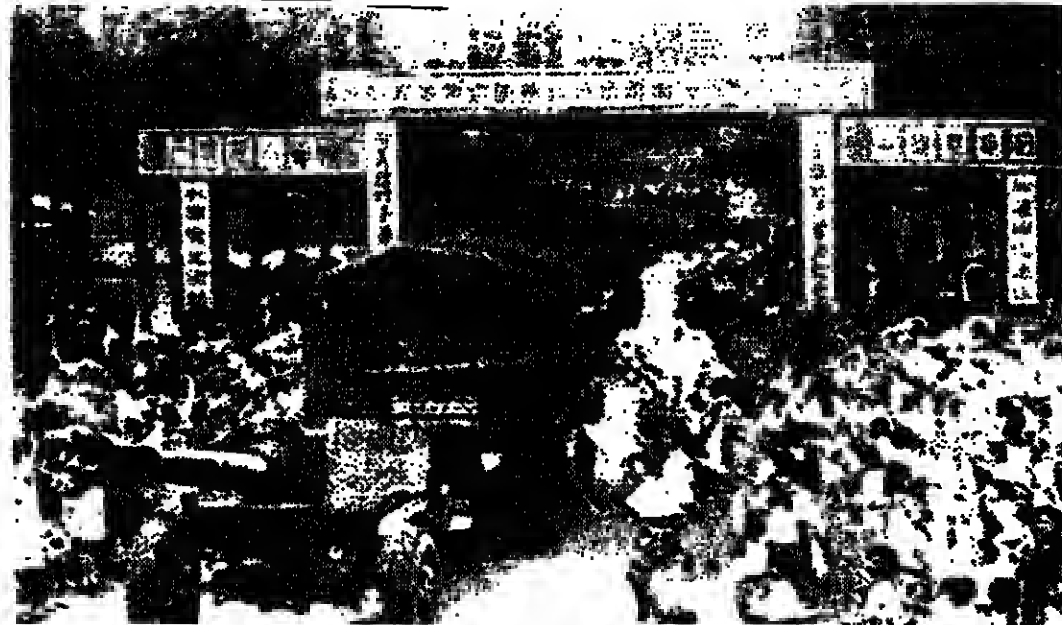
The insurgency at Herat was called by one area specialist the biggest challenge yet to President Nur Muhammad Taraki's regime. While stubborn small-scale resistance has tied down army units for months in the eastern provinces bordering Pakistan, the northwestern region has been generally peaceful until now.

Analysts said recent strongly-worded statements from Kabul and Moscow alleging foreign intervention seemed to indicate the severity of the situation. Taraki's regime has claimed that Iranian troops are directly involved, a charge Tehran has denied. (See earlier story, page 3.)

One unconfirmed report said deserting Afghan troops have joined rebel forces in Herat, which could explain air strikes against military installations in the city. A Soviet-built tank was reportedly captured or handed over to the insurgents.

The rebellion in Herat coincided with appeals for an uprising against the "anti-Islamic" regime by Afghan exile leader Imam Shariatullah Mojaeddi in Pakistan and Iranian Ayatollah Shariatmadari. However, a possible link with either call for a "holy war" could not be determined.

The Ayatollah's appeal, broad-



SINGING : This picture, released by Xinhua (Hsinhua) News Agency, purportedly shows the withdrawal of Chinese troops from Vietnam early last week. The caption said that "people of various (Chinese) nationalities, Honghe Autonomous Prefecture of Hani and Yi Nationalities in Yunnan, singing and dancing, line a long route to welcome the returning artillerymen of the frontier forces." (AP photo)

Western mediators huddle

Namibia talks yield no results

NEW YORK, March 20 (AP) — Western mediators have opened a major effort to salvage a United Nations peace plan for the troubled African colony of Namibia but made no progress

toward narrowing the differences between the contending factions. U.S. State Department spokesman Hodding Carter said Monday a day-long series of meetings at the U.N. mission to the United Nations was devoted mostly to defining the issues involved. He said no major decisions were made.

For the past two years, the United Nations has been trying to come up with a formula for guiding the South African-controlled territory to independence following U.N.-supervised elections.

Implementation of the plan has been stalled by recent fighting, including South African air attacks against Namibian black nationalist guerrilla camps in Angola.

The Western nations—the United States, West Germany, Britain, France and Canada—invited representatives of South

Africa and the SWAPO (South-West Africa People's Organization) guerrilla group to New York to try to rescue the U.N. plan. But the deliberations at the U.N. mission were overshadowed by a U.N. Security Council debate in which Angola accused South Africa of aggression.

Angolan Ambassador Elisio de Figueiredo assailed the South African raids as a "rude and arrogant gesture" and he accused the Pretoria government of trying to impose a "puppet regime" on Namibia.

The U.N. plan does not provide for any monitoring of SWAPO bases in either Angola or Zambia during the electoral process.

In a letter to the Security Council president, South African Foreign Minister Roelof Botha said it was incomprehensible that a council meeting would be called on the same day that the mediation effort was to begin.

Italian charged with fraud

U.S. indicts magnate in bank scandal

NEW YORK, March 20 (AP) — A long federal investigation of the collapse of the Franklin National Bank resulted Monday in the indictment of Italian financier Michele Sindona.

Sindona, 58, was charged with various frauds in a 99-count indictment returned in Manhattan Federal Court. The indictment also brought new charges against his associate, Carlo Bordini, an Italian banker.

In addition to charges of misusing \$45 million of Franklin funds, Sindona was accused of fraud in the acquisition of a major interest in Franklin in 1972 and in another corporation a year later.

The indictment said the money he used to buy stock in Franklin and the Talcott National Corp.

was illegally removed from banks he controlled in Italy.

Sindona has been on \$1 million bail in a series of court battles to avoid extradition to Italy to face criminal charges involving the failure of two banks he controlled in Milan.

Those banks, Banca Unione, which Bordini headed, and Banca Finanziaria, also failed in 1974 after they were merged into a single institution called Banca Privata Italiana.

Although Bordini faces new charges in the indictment, he testified for the prosecution in a recent trial of three former top officials of the Franklin Bank. They were convicted of misuse of bank funds and for unauthorized foreign currency speculation.

They were also charged with falsifying bank records to conceal the transaction and the fact that \$30 million was lost as a result.

In a statement released by his New York office, Sindona said, "I am innocent of any wrongdoing. I will plead not guilty to the charges and expect to be vindicated at trial. In any case, according to my understanding, all charges rest on false documents and information originating from Italian sources."

Sindona said he was "the principal victim" of the collapse of Franklin National Bank "since, through no fault of my own, I lost not only my \$40 million investment in the shares of that institution, but suffered incalculable direct and indirect damages because of its failure."

French troops to leave after 19 years in Chad

PARIS, March 20 (AP) — France will withdraw its 2,500 troops from the Central African nation of Chad, wrecked by civil war for the past five weeks, a presidential communique announced Tuesday.

The decision follows agreement Friday among Chad's warring leaders and major rebel groups to form a joint transitional government.

A Nigerian force is starting to take up positions in the Chad capital of N'Djamena, the scene of some of the most intense fighting, to keep rival groups apart.

France has maintained forces in Chad since its independence in 1960, both as a major base in Africa, and to help successive governments fight often Libyan-backed rebel movements in the north and east of the vast, impoverished and largely desert country.

During the recent weeks of civil war between forces of the President Felix Malloum and his northern premier, Hissene Habre, a former rebel chief, French troops have ensured the safety of European residents.

French military aircraft evacuated hundreds of Europeans and guarded the homes of those who stayed behind. They also protected some escape routes for refugees fleeing to neighboring Cameroon.

By China

Vietnam links peace talks to pullout

BANGKOK, March 20 (Agencies) — Vietnam indicated Tuesday that it might not be willing to start negotiations with China to normalize relations after four weeks of fighting.

The Communist Party newspaper "Nhan Dan" said that Vietnam was ready to negotiate with the Chinese as soon as their troops pulled out added:

"But we have seen through the ruling reactionary forces in Peking. They have not given up their hostile policy and aggressive scheme to annex our country. They are expecting us to drop our guard so that they may embark on new adventures."

China has proposed peace talks to begin about March 28. Hanoi has not responded to the Chinese

offer Monday but has accused the Chinese of still holding on to 20 areas along the border inside Vietnam.

Some analysts in Bangkok, while confirming that the bulk of the Chinese troops have pulled out, say that Peking's forces still appear to be holding disputed frontier areas — particularly hilltop positions that afford good control over border crossing points and which were previously held by the Vietnamese.

The voice of Vietnam later Tuesday said Vietnam was demanding the immediate and total withdrawal of Chinese troops, an end to Chinese attacks on Vietnamese civilians and a halt to the movement of border markers by Peking's soldiers deep into Vietnam's territory.

Meanwhile, China has urged united international action to contain what it called Soviet aggression and expansion, and declared its recent attack into Vietnam had dealt a blow to Soviet ambitions in Southeast Asia.

The official New China News Agency said in a commentary: "Today, the situation urges all peace-loving countries and people to close their ranks and form a broad united front against Soviet hegemonism, take effective, practical steps to deal with Soviet aggression and expansion and upset its global strategy."

The agency said China's attack on Vietnam last month "dealt a blow to the Soviet Union, which attempts to use the Cuba of Asia to push its scheme of aggression and expansion in Southeast Asia."

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Egypt

tioned in the preamble of the peace treaty.

Khalil reiterated the Egyptian position that it was necessary that Israel withdraw "from all Arab territories including Jerusalem and the restoration of the Palestinian legal rights."

It was the first public clash since President Carter hammered out an agreement to overcome final hurdles to the signing.

But the one-week old agreement already appeared to be showing signs of fraying. Israeli Defense Minister Ezer Weizman said differences also remained on details of withdrawal from Sinai.

Shortly before Khalil's state-

ment was issued, Egypt's second-ranking diplomat met with U.S. ambassador to Cairo Hermann Eilts to discuss the hitch over withdrawal.

Egypt has sought Israeli withdrawal from Al Arish within two months of a signing while Israel has requested three months. Bhutto

is also arguing for a nine-month period of withdrawal from the oil fields while Egypt expected it to be accomplished in four months.

Aides said that Dr. Butros Ghali also brought up Begin's statement to parliament: "We are at a sensitive point." But refused to go into details.

Bhutto

Zia said some politicians have told him that they want to build up the momentum for the election campaign. "As long as the campaign is peaceful and is devoid of violence, the government will not interfere," Zia added.

Anti-Israeli

also revealed "basic contradictions in the area because of intransigence of the Zionists."

Tunisia's delegate, Mahmoud Mestiri said he could not consider Israel's charge that the Security Council session was being staged because "nothing disrupted the peace process more" than Israeli actions in occupied territories.

Romania's delegate, Teodor Marinescu, said his government had always advocated a peaceful settlement based on negotiations. A solution should be based on Israeli withdrawal, self-determination for Palestinians, and respect for the rights of all states in the region, he said.

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